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SUBJECT: APPLICATION TO PRC DIPLOMATS OF ANTITERRORISM
SCREENING PROCEDURES INCIDENT TO BOARDING COMMERCIAL
AIRCRAFT.

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1. OFFICIAL IN CHARGE OF SECURITY AT GOF SECRETARIAT
GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION INFORMS US THAT PRC
AMBASSADOR AS WELL AS ALL OTHER AMBASSADORS ACCREDITED
TO FRANCE ARE EXEMPT FROM PRE-SCREENING PRIOR TO
BOARDING OF AIRCRAFT. HE ADDED THAT EVERY MONTH PRC
EMBASSY PROVIDES NAMES OF TWO OR THREE OTHER PRC
NATIONALS FOR WHICH INTERIOR MINISTRY AUTHORIZES POLICE
AT AIRPORTS TO WAIVE PRE-SCREENING.

2. WHEN WE MADE INFORMAL DOUBLE-CHECK WITH FOREIGN
MINISTRY, WE WERE TOLD THAT NOT ONLY AMBASSADORS BUT
"ALL DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL", I. E., OF ALL NATIONALITIES,
WERE EXEMPT FROM PRE-SCREENING BY VIRTUE OF FREEDOM
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FROM SEARCH STEMMING FROM THEIR DIPLOMATIC STATUS.

THIS WOULD INDICATE THAT NOT ONLY AMBASSADOR BUT ALL OTHER DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL OF PRC EMBASSY HERE ARE EXEMPTED FROM PRE-SCREENING REQUIREMENT. NAMES WHICH PRC EMBASSY COMMUNICATES TO FOREIGN MINISTRY FOR SPECIAL EXEMPTION FROM PRE-SCREENING ARE THUS FOR PRC OFFICIALS WHO ARE NOT MEMBERS OF PARIS EMBASSY, WE WERE TOLD; THESE REQUESTS ARE ROUTINELY FORWARDED TO INTERIOR MINISTRY WHICH IN TURN AUTHORIZES AIR POLICE TO FOREGO PRE-SCREENING FOR THESE INDIVIDUALS.

3. COMMENT: THERE MAY WELL BE SOME CONFUSION AS BETWEEN WHAT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY THINKS AND WHAT THE AIR POLICE DO IN ACTUAL PRACTICE. TWA INFORMS US, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT THEY ARE UNAWARE OF ANY STANDING EXEMPTION FROM PRE-SCREENING OF DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL AT PARIS AIRPORTS, AND POLICE ROUTINELY SCREEN ALL PASSENGERS BOARDING TWA FLIGHTS. MOREOVER, PASSENGER ARRIVING AT PRE-SCREENING POINT HAS ALREADY PASSED THROUGH PASSPORT AND POLICE CHECKPOINTS, AND SO POLICE CARRYING OUT PRE-SCREENING SEARCH ACTIVITIES ARE UNAWARE OF DIPLOMATIC STATUS OF ANY PASSENGER UNLESS PASSENGER HIMSELF WERE TO CALL ATTENTION TO IT. WE HAVE BEEN UNAWARE UNTIL NOW OF ANY GOF BLANKET EXEMPTION FROM PRE-SCREENING FOR DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL, AND INDEED DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL OF THIS EMBASSY ROUTINELY UNDERGO THE PRE-SCREENING UPON BOARDING FLIGHTS AT PARIS AIRPORTS AND, OF COURSE, DO SO WITHOUT OBJECTION. HENCE, WHILE PARAS 1 AND 2 ABOVE APPEAR RESPONSIVE TO SPECIFIC QUERY IN REFTTEL, OUR INQUIRIES HAVE THUS TURNED UP OTHER QUESTIONS AS TO GENERAL PRACTICE OF GOF FOR WHICH WE WILL SOLICIT AND IN DUE COURSE REPORT THE ANSWERS BECAUSE OF THEIR RELEVANCE TO TIGHTNESS OF GOF SECURITY AT AIRPORTS.
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